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Monday, the 7th August 1939/22nd Karkatakam 1114.

The Sri Chitra State Council met in the Legislative Chamber at eleven of the clock, with Sachivottama Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar, K. C. I. E., the Dewan President, in the Chair.

MEMBERS SWORN.

The following members took the oath and signed the rolls :

1. Khan Bahadur G. Saiyid Abdul Karim Sahib Suhrawardy (*Inspector-General of Police.*)
2. Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan (*Pro-Vice Chancellor.*)
3. Mr. A. Gopala Menon (*Director of Public Instruction.*)
4. Mr. M. Govinda Pillai (*Financial Secretary to Government.*)
5. Mr. M. P. Joseph (*Excise Commissioner.*)
6. Mr. Puthupalli S. Krishna Pillai (*Legal Remembrancer to Government.*)
7. Mr. G. Narayanan Tampi (*Secretary to Government.*)
8. Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar (*Chief Secretary to Government.*)
9. Mr. M. Ramachandra Rao (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*), and
10. Mr. S. Sesha Aiyar (*Deputy Chief Engineer.*)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Channel in Kottukal ela.

1. **Mr. T. Krishna Pillai** (*Kalkulam and Vilavankod* cum *Neyyattinkara*) : Will the Government be pleased to state how

[Mr. T. Krishna Pillai.]

long it is since repeated representations were made for the construction of a channel in the western side of the Kottukal *ela* in the Neyyattinkara taluk?

Mr. S. Sesha Aiyar (*Deputy Chief Engineer*): Since 1928.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai: May I know the action taken by Government on those representations?

Mr. S. Sesha Aiyar: The investigation for the western channel has been completed; the completion of the estimate is kept in abeyance, since we want to watch the working of eastern channel for some time.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai: Are the Government aware that the eastern channel, without a corresponding western channel, is useless?

Mr. S. Sesha Aiyar: It is not so; the eastern channel empties itself into the *kayal* and thence into the sea. It has been found, as a result of the department's observation of the eastern channel, that the channel gets silted up frequently. That should be prevented first before any attempt is made to cut the western channel.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai: Does the Honourable member make the statement after making a personal inspection of the channel?

Mr. S. Sesha Aiyar: Inspections have been made by the Chief Engineer as also by the Division Officer.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai: Is the hon'ble member aware that the representatives of the taluk, in the Legislature, have repeatedly brought it to the notice of Government that the eastern channel by itself, without a corresponding channel on the west, is completely useless?

Mr. S. Sesha Aiyar: Government are perfectly aware of those representations; but, as I said, until we are satisfied that the eastern channel functions properly, we cannot think of any attempt at cutting the western channel. Because, there is every chance of the western channel also frequently getting into disrepair like the eastern channel. Government do not want to risk that.

Police Stations without lock-ups.

2. **Mr. T. Krishna Pillai**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of Police stations in the State without lock-ups; and

(*b*) the number of non-bailable offences committed within the jurisdiction of the Nemom Police station during the years 1112 and 1113?

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